

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Northern Michigan had a heavy snow storm.

Edwin Booth, the famous actor, is sinking, and not expected to live long.

President Cleveland started on Monday for a trip to Cobb's Island for a few days' fishing.

A New York woman bicyclist run over and badly bruised 7-year-old Patrick McMahon.

Heirs of the \$33,000,000 Spang estate, in Germany, are being searched for in Reading, Pa.

British yachtsmen fear that Lord Dunraven's new cutter Valkyrie is not fast enough to win the America cup.

John B. Riley, ex-Indian Commissioner, has been appointed by the President as Consul General to Ottawa.

Fifteen thousand prisoners, exclusive of women and children, are awaiting despatch to Siberia in the prisons of Moscow.

Home Secretary Asquith has drafted a bill to give the British courts greater powers of restraint over habitual drunkards.

With a cleaver, John Marlo, of near Fort Howard, Wis., killed his wife, who sought divorce, and hanged himself to escape a mob.

It is believed in Lancaster, Pa., that Katie Zeizert, whose body was sent there from Philadelphia, was the victim of a criminal operation.

Henry G. Monks, an American, is among the latest of those who blew their alleged brains out at Monaco, after having lost at gambling.

Through being bondsman for State Treasurer Harshaw and Guenther, of Wisconsin, ex-Senator Sawyer will lose \$125,000 of his fortune.

F. H. Milburn, son of the blind chaplain of the House of Representatives, committed suicide by shooting himself at his hotel in Chicago.

Rockafellow, the Wilkes-Bar rebanker, was served with nine warrants charging him with embezzlement and had to find \$26,000 bail.

Dr. Seward Webb, the New York millionaire, is building about his private park, in the Adirondacks, a wire fence 93 miles, that will cost \$50,000.

Thomas Adams, formerly a Philadelphia, a cook in Bennett's restaurant, New York, committed suicide by jumping out of a third-story window.

Edward Hoerner, of Steelton Pa., who killed George Phillips, a green goods operator, at Greenpoint, told the coroner's jury that he acted in self-defense.

Trying to drown himself in the river, at Topeka, Kan., James Dalton, supposed to be one of the Dalton gang, was rescued by a policeman and found demented.

Lord Salisbury, in an address at Belfast, declared that union had not proved a failure and said the Conservatives if in power would never pass a home rule bill.

Bismarck in his remarks to the students of a high school, who called on him recently, said that the shedding of blood was a thankless task. He hoped for peace in the empire.

Attorney General Olney has informed those who are interested that the Government will see that the law of Congress relating to the closing of the World's Fair on Sunday is enforced.

The President has commuted to imprisonment for life the death sentence of Edward Pickens, a full-blooded Chickasaw Indian, who was convicted of murder in the district of Kansas.

Gen. Greeley, chief signal officer, will have charge of the government military balloon, "Gen. Myer," at the world's fair. Daily ascensions will be made for meteorological purposes.

A petition in favor of the reinstatement of the Rev. Dr. Richard L. Binstel to the rectorship of Epiphany Church, New York city, was presented to Archbishop Satolli in Washington on Sunday.

De Guzman, the Nicaraguan Minister, at Washington says that he believes the ultimate issue of the revolution will be that the United States will be asked to establish a protectorate over that country.

Civil Service Commissioner Roosevelt has made a report upon the Terre Haute, Ind., post office case, in which he states that Mr. Donham, the Democratic appointee, transgressed the civil service laws.

Farnham Post, G. A. R., of New York, which was disbanded for making a declaration that frauds existed in the pension system, has reorganized as the Noah L. Farnham Independent Veterans Association No. 1.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company has received 32 of the 100 locomotives ordered from the Baldwin Locomotive works, Philadelphia, and will hereafter receive two a day until the entire number has been delivered.

The wedding of the Duke of York and Princess May of Teck has been fixed for July 6. Mr. Gladstone has sent out a denial of the report that he will propose the making of any special grant by Parliament in connection with the Duke of York's marriage.

Bernard Gueterback, city editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, was mysteriously killed by a pistol shot at his home in New York. Mrs. Gueterback says he shot himself, but it seems that there was a quarrel with one Otto Bessie, a Custom House inspector, and an investigation will follow.

Ex-United States Consul Webb, who was converted to the Mohammedan faith four years ago, announces that his mission to this country, in addition to spreading the principles of the religion, is to purchase lands in the Southern States, with a view to establish thereon colonies of Islamites.

The Norwegians in New York and Brooklyn are getting ready to receive the Viking ship and its crew with becoming honors. The vessel has been sighted off Newfoundland and is expected to arrive at Newport, R. I., next Saturday. The vessel is supposed to be a model of the ship in which Lief Ericsson discovered America in the thirteenth century.

STAMPEDE OF ELEPHANTS.

Barnum's Herd of Elephants Make Trouble at Bridgeport, Conn.

When the unloading of the animals of the Barnum & Bailey show was in progress at Bridgeport, Conn., a stampede of the thirty elephants connected with the circus took place, and for an hour the winter quarters of the show was the scene of much confusion.

The train arrived during the night, and the place selected to exhibit was near the winter quarters, the tracks on which the cars stood being in close proximity to the buildings. The work of unloading progressed without interruption until the elephants were reached.

Of the herd of thirty, thirteen had been placed a short distance from the others. Suddenly one of the smaller of the herd let forth a terrible trumpeting and started in the direction of the winter quarters. The remainder of the herd followed at a rapid gait, making a great noise. The attendants were powerless to stop the animals, and the pathway of the beasts to the old quarters was unobstructed until they reached the high fence surrounding the grounds.

Although substantially built, when the first elephant dashed against it the boards gave way, and an opening was made through which the followers passed. The long, low buildings where the elephants had passed so many days were the point they were seeking. They crossed the yard, and although the doors leading to the stalls were closed, they afforded no protection, and singly and in pairs they dashed through them and went to the stalls. The loud trumpeting as if of joy continued, but in a short time they quieted down. It was at first thought best to feed them in the stalls, but Head Keeper McDonald would not countenance this. He decided to quell the rebellion at once and selected the huge elephant Manderain as the subject.

With his long hook he fastened upon the trunk of the animal. It went along in a docile manner and with plenty of prodding by the other attendants the whole herd followed and at last were securely chained near the tents. The statue of the late P. T. Barnum, which is to be placed in Seaside Park, is boxed up at the winter quarters. It was in the way of the fleeing elephants and was overturned. Later when it was raised to position again, investigation showed that it had not been injured.

HELD UP BY HIGHWAYWOMEN.

New York Has an Epidemic of Female Garroters and Highwaymen.

Charles Baumold, a young man 29 years old, a clerk for a firm of tailors at Broome street and the Bowery, had an adventure on Saturday night which he will not soon forget. At 11 o'clock Mr. Baumold was passing through Twenty-first street. Near Seventh avenue he met four negro women who were walking abreast. With suspicious politeness they made way for him to pass, and as he walked through the lines one of the women suddenly threw her arms around his neck and pulled him backward. Another went through his pockets and secured \$15, while the other two kept their eyes open for the police. When Mr. Baumold recovered from his surprise he raised his voice in loud cries for help.

It arrived in the shape of a policeman of the Nineteenth Precinct, who came upon a run and the women fled. After a chase of a few blocks the policeman captured two of the women, but the others escaped and took with them Baumold's \$15.

In the Jefferson Market Police Court Monday morning the prisoners were held in \$1,000 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

John J. Clair, a plasterer, living at 206 East Fourth street, had a somewhat similar experience. Clair was held up and robbed by two women at Fourteenth street and Second avenue. They took \$23 from the frightened plasterer, but Detectives Hock and Mallon of the Fourteenth Precinct happened to come along and they escorted the highwaywomen to the police station, where they were locked up.

DR. BRIGGS'S TRIAL.

The General Assembly Likely to End the Case This Week.

The trial of Prof. Charles A. Briggs, of the Theological Seminary, New York, upon the general charge of holding gross error in teaching, began Monday before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Washington. The case comes up on appeal from the judgment of the Presbytery of New York, which acquitted the professor after a trial lasting several weeks last fall and winter. No witnesses will be introduced, the evidence being before the Assembly in the records. It is proposed to give the Prosecuting Committee four and a half hours in which to open and close. Prof. Briggs is to have seven hours in which to present his argument, and the members of the New York Presbytery two hours in which to set forth their defence or explanation of the action of the Presbytery. The Assembly has voted to sit morning, afternoon and night until the case is disposed of. Allowing two hours for the night session the Assembly will be in session eight hours a day, so that two days will afford ample time under the committee's arrangement for hearing and disposing of the case.

It May Win the Cup.

The new yacht now being built at Boston by John Paine, jr., is exciting the attention of yachtsmen. It will have the smallest displacement and carry the least weight with a large sail area of any yacht ever built of the same tonnage. The boat is known as a centerboard-fin boat, a new departure in yacht building. It is essentially a racing machine, and is attracting the attention of yachtsmen all over the world.

The Atlanta at Greytown.

Secretary Gresham received a dispatch Monday from Consul Braid at Greytown, announcing that the U. S. cruiser Atlanta has arrived there and, on account of the unprotected condition of the property of the canal company, he had consented to the landing of marines.

MADE FRIENDS WITH A TIGER.

An Animal Tamer Overcame the Dislike of a Brute He Had Chastised.

A noted wild beast tamer, on being asked how he so successfully tamed, related his experience as follows, says an exchange:

"I was a bareback rider in a well-known circus, and in my leisure hours found great delight in playing with the monkeys in the menagerie. One especially pleased me and I often fed him on figs. One day while standing near his cage about to hand him a fig I heard a fierce growling near me, and turning about saw a fierce looking tiger stick his great paw out between the iron bars of his cage and reach for me. One inch nearer and he would surely have struck me. This unexpected and unwarranted attack so aggravated me that I raised my metal-headed cane and struck the beast such a terrific blow that he quickly retreated to the corner of his cage and howled and bellowed furiously. On the following day the whole operation was repeated. The tiger was now my deadly enemy and displayed such fierceness on my approach to the cage that I became interested in his actions.

"To test his powers of memory I intentionally absented myself for several days, but he seemed to know my step, and the moment he caught sight of me his eyes flashed fire, he beat furiously against the side of the cage with his tail and fairly shook the cage in his rage. Suddenly the thought of taming the animal came to me. My first step was to cause the beast to forget his wrongs, and in this I succeeded wonderfully. For hours I would talk to him in soft sweet accents and occasionally hand him little bits of meat. In a few months we had become so intimate that he ate out of my hand. Little by little he permitted me to rub his head, and when I spoke to him he would close his eyes and lean his head lovingly against the iron bars. I now considered the time ripe to take the last great step—namely, to enter the cage. I told the keeper of my intention, but he was frightened and said I had gone mad. But I insisted. Unwillingly he consented.

He opened the door at the rear and allowed me to enter, while tremblingly he held the door latch in one hand in order to open the door quickly in case of accident, and in the other hand he held a long pointed rod in case of an attack by the beast. As I hurriedly entered the cage the tiger drew back in fright and stared at me. He seemed to be expecting an attack and prepared to spring. But I stood motionless and apparently careless. Then I wrapped at the door; it was quickly opened and I jumped out.

"Two weeks later I repeated the visit and from that time daily. I talked pleasantly to the tiger and each time he became quieter. At my tenth visit I ordered him to lie down, and he obeyed. As a reward for his obedience I gave him little pieces of meat. This always had a magical effect. But he soon expected meat at every visit, and when it was not forthcoming became restless and a little vicious. But I soon overcame this—in fact, I treated him like a spoiled child and did almost what I pleased with him. Up to this time the keeper had always stood back of the cage with his hand on the latch, ready at a moment's notice to open the door. I now ordered him to lock the door and step around to the front. The tiger had stretched himself full length and allowed me to sit on his back."

Fish Recognize Their Food.

It is a well known fact that sea anemones have a sense by which they recognize food. This has been studied by Herr Nagel, at the Zoological Station in Naples, and he has endeavored to localize it. Among other experiments a small piece of a sardine was brought carefully to the tentacles of one of the animals; the tentacle first touched, then others seized the food and surrounded it, and the morsel was swallowed. A similar ball of blotting paper saturated with sea water, brought near in the same way, was not seized. If, however, the ball was soaked in the juice of fish, it was seized with the same energy as the piece of fish, but often liberated again after a time without being swallowed. Blotting paper saturated with sugar acted like the other, but more weakly. If saturated with guanine it was refused, the tentacles drawing back.

Names for Japanese Girls.

Many of the pretty and suggestive little words that serve as names for Japanese girls are as charming in English as in Japanese. It is not uncommon for a Jap girl to bear the name of a flower. On the other hand, however, many girls in Japan bear the names of some domestic utensil, as frying pan or dust brush. Doubtless this results from the custom common among some peoples of naming a child for the first object that strikes the eye after the little one has come into the world.

It Wasn't Lighted.

A mother was calling the attention of her little boy to the moon, which was to be seen clearly, but pallidly, in the early afternoon. "Why, you can't see the moon in the daytime?" replied the youngster. "Oh, yes, you can; there it is over the trees!" The little fellow looked, and had to admit the fact that he saw it; but he added, "It ain't lighted, anyhow."

Common Sense.

"Arrah, thin, Pat, do yez raily think the wor-rld is as round as that?" (pointing at a globe). "Av course I do!" "Thin phin I can't get t'rough my skull is pluwly the folks on the anther side don't fall into space?" "Yez make me tired!" "Well, but phuz is it, I ax yez?" "God has given thim common sense, man alive, an' they simply howld on!"—Life.

CANNONADING MADE RAIN.

The People of Eight Counties Helped to Bring on a Downpour.

An effort is being made by citizens of Western Kansas to produce rain by use of explosives. The first experiment was made by the simultaneous explosion of vast quantities of powder and chemicals at Wellington, Winfield, Newton, Caldwell, Arkansas City, South Haven, Hutchinson and other southwestern cities in the wheat belt, and was followed by the heaviest rainfall of the present year. In addition to the firing of cannon, hundreds of men and boys joined in the fusillade with rifles and shotguns, the bombardment continuing from noon until 3 o'clock, at which time the rain was general throughout eight counties. Further experiments will be tried.

In Financial Trouble.

The Elmira National Bank closed its doors Tuesday morning. The bank's failure is the result of the recent financial troubles of Col. D. C. Robinson. The deposits in the bank amount to about \$200,000 and will be paid in full. The suspension of the bank caused a big run on the Elmira Savings Bank, but all demands were promptly met.

The big toy firm of Ives, Blakeslee & Williams, in New York city, with branch stores at Bridgeport, Conn., Elkhart, Pa., and Chicago, Ill., has gone into the hands of a receiver. The liabilities are \$261,848, and assets \$70,298.

The National Bank of Deposit in New York city was forced to suspend and is now in possession of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The Exchange Bank of Tingley, Iowa, has suspended, and the cashier, Robert Bennet, has left for parts unknown. The cash has also disappeared. Deposits were received up to the day of closing.

Farnham Post to Appeal.

The officers of the Noah L. Farnham Post in New York, the local organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, which was expelled from the G. A. R. on account of the expressions of its members on pension matters, said that the course they would pursue would probably be to appeal first of all to the National Organization, in order to get a hearing at the next Grand Encampment. Their ulterior purpose seems to be to force the National Organization to take some definite action on the question of pensions and the present system of spreading them, and thus compel from Grand Army men an official expression of opinion on that subject.

Landslide in Norway.

Another and more serious landslide has occurred at Vaerdalen, Norway, just north of Trondheim, destroying twenty-two homesteads and fifty cottages. A vast area is flooded and many persons are missing. Residents of the vicinity are taking to flight in expectation that there may be a recurrence of the calamity. The Government has sent four hundred soldiers to the locality to assist in the work of rescue and to preserve order.

Dr. Briggs to Be Tried.

The Presbyterian Assembly at Washington, by a vote of 409 to 145, decided to entertain the appeal from the decision of the Presbytery of the Union Seminary. This decision is adverse to Dr. Briggs, and brings the whole question up for solution before the General Assembly, which is heavily opposed to Briggs. The debate has been most exciting.

Dr. McGlynn Goes to Chicago.

Dr. Edward McGlynn, who has for some time contemplated visiting Rome with a view of making his peace with the Pope, has arrived in Chicago. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Smith, and her two little boys. This change in the doctor's programme will no doubt astonish the Catholics of this country. It is not known now when he will go to Rome.

Ex-Secretary Foster Falls.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Charles Foster, of Fostoria, O., failed, making an assignment to J. B. Gormley, of Bucyrus. Mr. Foster said his liabilities would amount to \$600,000. The failure of the banking company involved a number of manufacturing concerns in which Mr. Foster was interested, and the town of Fostoria is much alarmed in consequence.

Prohibition of Candy.

A Prohibitionist clergyman in New York named Gates proposes to broaden the platform of his party by putting candy and mintstick and jubube paste under the ban with whisky and beer. Much of the candy, he says, is sticky and nasty, bad for the stomachs and retardative of the physical growth as well as moral development of children.

Mile in Twenty-Five Seconds.

A new locomotive on its trial trip on the Ontario and Western Railroad, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., ran a mile in twenty-five seconds. This is at the rate of two and two-fifths miles a minute and 144 miles an hour. It is claimed to be the quickest time ever made by a locomotive.

Mr. Cleveland a Church Communicant. It is announced on the authority of Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, of New York, that President Cleveland is a communicant in the Presbyterian Church, having been admitted to membership upon profession of faith at Mr. Smith's church two years ago.

Sullivan Was Punished.

John L. Sullivan did not appear in court at Biddeford, Me., when his case for assaults on Lawyer M. L. Lezotte came up. His counsel, however, plead guilty for him, and he was fined \$100. In addition, he lost \$1,200 he paid to get clear of the case.

Russian Seals to Be Protected. The English and Russian Governments have agreed to prohibit sealing within ten miles of the Russian coast and within thirty miles of Robin Island. The Canadian authorities have notified the Dominion sealers.

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